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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: SCHEDULING MISCELLANY

1. REGARDING THE AIRCRAFT FOR THE FRG DELEGATION (BONN 11684), WE ASSUME THAT THE EMBASSY WILL WORK THIS OUT WITH USAFE FOR THE BERLIN LEGS OF THE TRIP.

2. CONCERNING THE MEDIA ASPECTS RAISED IN BONN 11607, MOST OF THE ANSWERS WILL HAVE TO AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRESS ADVANCE. HOWEVER, A COUPLE OF MATTERS CAN BE SETTLED NOW: (A) THE MEETING WITH THE PRESS AFTER THE BILATERAL TALKS AND BEFORE THE LUNCH ON JULY 14 IS FIRMLY FIXED IN THE SCHEDULED; (B) USBER SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FULL PRESS FILING AT THE CONGRESS HALL PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR BONN; (C) WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO HAVE ANY Q'S AND A'S FOLLOWING THE POST-SUMMIT PRESS CONFERENCE.
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3. IT IS NOW PLANNED THAT THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO INFORMAL REMARKS TO THE PRESS BY THE PRESIDENT UPON ARRIVAL IN BONN. OF COURSE, US AND FRG PRESS MAY COVER THE ARRIVAL.

4. REGARDING QUESTIONS POSED IN BONN 11634: (A) YOU CAN

CONFIRM THAT WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO USE HELICOPTERS

FOR THE RHEIN MAIN/ERBENHEIM/FRANKFURT PROGRAM; (B) WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO INVITE THE ADDITIONAL 1000 GERMANS TO THE ERBENHEIM PROGRAM; (C) WE WILL BE CABLING BY SEPTTEL THE TEXT OF THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE SCHEDULE THAT WILL BE RELEASED IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 28.

5. FOLLOWING ARE OUR RESPONSES TO FRANKFURT 5102.

(A) WE WOULD PREFER TO STICK WITH OUR ORIGINAL SCHEDULE AND NOT TO AMEND IT AS PROPOSED IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL BUT THIS IS A MATTER THAT CAN BE EXAMINED BY THE LEAD ADVANCE UPON ARRIVAL IN FRANKFURT. (B) REGARDING THE BALCONY PROPOSAL, THIS TOO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE LEAD ADVANCE. (C) WE WILL REPLY BY SEPTTEL ON GIFTS. (D) FIRST LADY'S PROGRAM HAS BEEN DEALT WITH IN SEPTTEL. (E) THERE IS NO REPEAT NO POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE STAY BY 30 OR 45 MINUTES.

6. CONCERNING USBERLIN 1520, THE LEAD ADVANCE TEAM WILL TRY TO WORK OUT A SCENARIO THAT PERMITS THE PRESIDENT TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH THE KEY BERLIN OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, THIS MEETING WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE PRIOR TO THE TOWN MEETING.

7. CONCERNING THE WORDING OF THE TOWN MEETING INVITATION
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(US BERLIN 1517), IT IS FINE EXCEPT THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LINE ADDED SOMEWHERE ON THE CARD THAT STATES "ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE SEATED NO LATER THAN 3:15 P.M."

8. IN RESPONSE TO USBERLIN 1508, THERE CAN BE A PRESIDENTIAL MOTORCADE REVIEW OF THE TROOPS FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S GREETING THE TEN PERSONS UPON DESCENT FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND EN ROUTE TO THE AIRLIFT MEMORIAL. THE TROOPS CAN BE ALL AMERICAN. THERE WOULD BE NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT. WE ALSO WISH THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO BE AT THE AIRLIFT MEMORIAL AND NOT REPEAT NOT AT TEMPELHOF. VANCE

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